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**Plane Gravitational Waves in Generalized Peres Space-Time**

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**Abstract**

In this paper the generalized Peres space-time is considered for the (t/z)-type plane gravitational waves and the Mathematical solutions of generalized Maxwell's equations are obtained. The solutions resemble with those of Takeno (1961).

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**1. Introduction**

Takeno (1961)<sup>[1]</sup> exposed mathematically the plane gravitational waves and obtained numerous results thereof in general relativity. He considered (z-t) and (t/z)-type waves and obtained the plane wave solutions of field equations in G.R. Furthermore he considered the Peres space-time

$$ds^2 = -dx^2 - dy^2 - dz^2 + dt^2 - 2f(x, y, Z)(dz - dt)^2, \quad (Z = z - t) \quad (1.1)$$

and obtained a necessary and sufficient condition that P be Minkowskian. Lal and Ali (1970)<sup>[3]</sup> considered the modified Peres space-time

$$ds^2 = -Adx^2 - 2Ddxdy - Bdy^2 - (C - E)dz^2 - 2Edzdt + (C + E)dt^2 \quad (1.2)$$

where A,B,C,D are the functions of

$$Z = Z(z - t) \text{ and } E = E(x, y, Z) \quad (1.3)$$

and obtained the solutions of the field equations

$$G_{ij} = -8\pi E_{ij} \quad (1.4)$$

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where  $G_{ij}$  is the Ricci tensor of space-time (1.2) and  $E_{ij}$  is the electromagnetic energy tensor defined by

$$E_{ij} = (1/4)g_{ij}F_{kl}F^{kl} - F_{ik}F_{jl}g^{kl} \tag{1.5}$$

where  $F_{ij}$  is antisymmetric electromagnetic field tensor satisfying generalized Maxwell equations

$$(a) \quad F_{ij;k} + F_{jk;i} + F_{ki;j} = 0 \quad (b) \quad F^{ij}{}_{;j} = 0 \tag{1.6}$$

S.R.Bhojar and A.G.Deshmukh (2012)<sup>[4]</sup> considered the generalized metric

$$ds^2 = -Adx^2 - Bdy^2 - Z^2(1 - E)dz^2 - 2ZEdzdt + (1 + E)dt^2 \tag{1.7}$$

where  $A = A(Z)$ ,  $B = B(Z)$ , and  $E = E(x, y, Z)$ , and using  $Z = t/z$  obtained the condition that the field equation (1.6) possess the solution. In the Present investigation we use the space-time (1.7) with the modification  $A = A(x, Z)$ ,  $B = B(y, Z)$ , and  $E = E(x, y, z, Z)$ , and use the  $Z = t/z$ -type wave and find the solution of the field equations (1.4).

## 2. The Curvature Tensor and the Ricci Tensor

According to Takeno's (1961) definition of plane gravitational waves, a plane wave  $g_{ij}$  is a non-flat solution of the field equations (1.4) with the property that, in some suitably chosen coordinate system,

$$g_{ij} = g_{ij}(Z), \quad Z = Z(x^i), \quad (x^i = x, y, z, t), \tag{2.1}$$

satisfying

$$g^{ij}Z_{,i}Z_{,j} = 0, \tag{2.2}$$

$$\text{and} \quad Z = Z(z, t), \quad (Z_{,3} \neq 0 \quad Z_{,4} \neq 0). \tag{2.3}$$

Following the above definition of plane wave solutions, the fundamental tensors  $g_{ij}$  and  $g^{ij}$  for the space-time (1.7) are as follows:

$$(g_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} -A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z^2(E - 1) & -ZE \\ 0 & 0 & -ZE & 1 + E \end{bmatrix},$$

$$(g_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{B}{m} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{A}{m} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1+E}{Z^2} & -\frac{E}{Z} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{E}{Z} & (1-E) \end{bmatrix}$$

and  $g = -mZ^2$  where  $m = AB$  . (2.4)

The components of Christoffel symbols are as given below

$$\Gamma_{11}^k = \left[ \frac{BA_x}{2m}, 0, \frac{\bar{A}}{2t}, \frac{\bar{A}}{2z} \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{12}^k = [0,0,0,0] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{13}^k = \left[ -\frac{\bar{A}BZ}{2mz}, 0, -\frac{E_x}{2}, -\frac{ZE_x}{2} \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{14}^k = \left[ \frac{\bar{A}B}{2mz}, 0, \frac{E_x}{2Z}, \frac{E_x}{2} \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{22}^k = \left[ 0, \frac{AB_y}{2m}, \frac{\bar{B}}{2t}, \frac{\bar{B}}{2z} \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{23}^k = \left[ 0, -\frac{\bar{A}BZ}{2mz}, -\frac{E_y}{2}, -\frac{ZE_y}{2} \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{24}^k = \left[ 0, \frac{\bar{A}B}{2mz}, \frac{E_y}{2Z}, \frac{E_y}{2} \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{33}^k = \left[ \frac{BZ^2E_x}{2m}, \frac{AZ^2E_y}{2m}, \frac{1}{z}(K - E - 1), \frac{Z}{z}(K - 2E + 1) \right] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{34}^k = \left[ \frac{-BZE_x}{2m}, \frac{-AZE_y}{2m}, \frac{1}{t}(1-K), \frac{1}{z}(E-K) \right],$$

$$\Gamma_{44}^k = \left[ \frac{BE_x}{2m}, \frac{AE_y}{2m}, \frac{1}{Zt}(K+E), \frac{K}{t} \right], \tag{2.5}$$

where  $K = \left( E^2 + \frac{\bar{E}Z}{2} \right)$ , and  $m = AB$  (2.6)

The components of covariant curvature tensor  $R_{hijk}$  and those of Ricci tensor  $R_{ij}$  are obtained as:

$$R_{1313} = -ZR_{1314} = Z^2R_{1414} = \frac{Z^2\alpha}{2z^2},$$

$$R_{1323} = -ZR_{1324} = -ZR_{1423} = Z^2R_{1424} = \frac{-Z^2E_{xy}}{2},$$

$$R_{2323} = -ZR_{2324} = Z^2R_{2424} = \frac{Z^2\beta}{2z^2},$$

$$R_{1334} = -ZR_{1434} = \frac{ZE_x}{z},$$

$$R_{2334} = -ZR_{2434} = \frac{ZE_y}{z}, \tag{2.7}$$

$$R_{13} = -ZR_{14} = \frac{E_x}{z}$$

$$R_{23} = -ZR_{24} = \frac{E_y}{z}$$

$$R_{33} = -ZR_{34} = Z^2R_{44} = \frac{Z^2}{2z^2} \left( \frac{\alpha}{A} + \frac{\beta}{B} \right) \tag{2.8}$$

where,  $\alpha = \left[ \bar{A} - z^2E_{xx} - \frac{\bar{A}^2}{2A} + \frac{z^2A_xE_x}{2A} + \frac{\bar{A}E}{Z} \right]$ , and

$$\beta = \left[ \bar{B} - z^2 E_{yy} - \frac{\bar{B}^2}{2B} + \frac{z^2 B_y E_y}{2B} + \frac{\bar{B}E}{Z} \right]. \quad (2.9)$$

### 3. Electromagnetic Field Tensor

We take the components of electromagnetic potential

$$k_i = (-F, -G, -H, \phi) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $F, G, H, \phi$  are functions of  $(x, y, Z)$ ,  $Z = t/z$  where  $\phi$  is a scalar potential and  $(F, G, H)$  is a vector potential of electromagnetic field  $F_{ij}$ . The electromagnetic field  $F_{ij}$  is described by the components of electric force  $(X_1, Y_1, Z_1)$  and the components of magnetic force  $(\mu, \eta, \lambda)$ .

The usual relations connecting field with potential are

$$X_1 = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial t}, \quad Y_1 = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}, \quad Z_1 = -\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial t},$$

and

$$\mu = \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial G}{\partial z}, \quad \eta = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}, \quad \lambda = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \quad (3.2)$$

which in tensor notations can be put as  $F_{ij} = \frac{\partial k_i}{\partial x^j} - \frac{\partial k_j}{\partial x^i} = k_{i,j} - k_{j,i}$  (3.3)

From equations (3.2) and (3.3) we have

$$X_1 = F_{14} = -\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}, \quad Y_1 = F_{24} = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y}, \quad Z_1 = F_{34} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z},$$

$$\mu = F_{23} = -\frac{\partial G}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y}, \quad \eta = -F_{13} = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}, \quad \lambda = F_{12} = \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \quad (3.4)$$

Since the electromagnetic waves are transverse in character hence  $F_{12} = F_{34} = 0$ . This imposes the condition on the components of  $k_i$ , namely

$$(i) \quad \frac{\partial G}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{H} = Z\bar{\phi}. \quad (3.5)$$

From (3.5)(i) and (3.4) we get

$$\frac{\partial F_{13}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_{23}}{\partial x}, \quad \frac{\partial F_{14}}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial F_{24}}{\partial x} \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.5)(ii) and (3.4) we get,

$$zF_{13} + tF_{14} = C_1, \quad zF_{23} + tF_{24} = C_2 \quad (3.7)$$

and assuming  $C_1 = C_2 = 0$  we get

$$-zF_{13} = tF_{14} = \sigma, \quad zF_{23} = tF_{24} = \rho \quad (3.8)$$

where  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  are some functions of  $(x, y, Z)$  which reduce the equation (3.6) to

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y} = 0 \quad (3.9)$$

Hence the components of electromagnetic field tensor  $F_{ij}$  are given as

$$(F_{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sigma}{z} & \frac{\sigma}{t} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\rho}{z} & -\frac{\rho}{t} \\ \frac{\sigma}{z} & -\frac{\rho}{z} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{\sigma}{t} & \frac{\rho}{t} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.10)$$

The corresponding components of  $F^{ij}$  are

$$(F^{ij}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\frac{B\sigma}{mtZ} & -\frac{B\sigma}{mt} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{A\rho}{mtZ} & \frac{A\rho}{mt} \\ \frac{B\sigma}{mtz} & -\frac{A\rho}{mtZ} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{B\sigma}{mt} & -\frac{A\rho}{mt} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.11)$$

Equations (3.10), (3.11) and (1.5) give the values of non vanishing components of electromagnetic energy tensor as:

$$E_{33} = -ZE_{34} = Z^2 E_{44} = \frac{1}{z^2} \left( \frac{\sigma^2}{A} + \frac{\rho^2}{B} \right) \quad (3.12)$$

#### 4. Solutions of the Field Equations

Substituting the values of  $R_{ij}$  and  $E_{ij}$  into equation (1.4) we get

$$\frac{m}{m} - \frac{m^2}{2m} + \frac{mE}{Z} - \overline{AB} - z^2(AE_{yy} + BE_{xx}) + \frac{z^2}{2m}(B^2 A_x E_x + A^2 B_y E_y) = \frac{-16\pi}{z^2}(A\rho^2 + B\sigma^2) \quad (4.1)$$

The field equation (1.6) (a) is satisfied identically by the components of  $F_{ij}$

while the equation (1.6) (b) is satisfied only if

$$A \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial y} - B \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (4.2)$$

#### 5. Conclusions

Thus, following Takeno's definition the plane wave solutions of the field equations (1.4) and that of the Maxwell's generalized equations (1.6) are composed of  $g_{ij}$  given by (2.4) and  $F_{ij}$  given by (3.10) under the condition (4.1) and (4.2).

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